

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 19, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

The instructions of the software routines, modules, or layers are loaded or transported to each node or system in one of many different ways. For example, code segments including instructions stored on floppy disks, CD or DVD media, or a hard disk, ~~or transported through a network interface card, modem, or other interface device~~ are loaded into the device or system and executed as corresponding software routines, modules, or layers. ~~In the loading or transport process, data signals that are embodied in carrier waves (transmitted over telephone lines, network lines, wireless links, cables, and the like) communicate the code segments, including instructions, to the device or system. Such carrier waves are in the form of electrical, optical, acoustical, electromagnetic, or other types of signals.~~